

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9, please cancel claim 4 and please add new claims 14-21 as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended) An illuminated sign comprising:  
a housing,  
~~the housing accommodating a front plate of a light transmitting material~~  
mounted to the housing,  
at least one three-dimensional body,  
and a light source,  
~~the illuminated sign further comprises~~ at least one light guide for coupling light from the light source to the at least one three-dimensional body, the light guide comprising a plate-like structure made from a light-transmitting material, the plate-like structure of the light guide extending parallel to the front plate and engaging the  
at least one three-dimensional body.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The illuminated sign according to claim 1, wherein the at least one light guide comprises an end surface for coupling light directing light received into the light guide from the light source and into the three-dimensional body, and wherein said end surface is optically coupled to the three-dimensional body and conforms to the shape thereof.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The illuminated sign according to claim 2, wherein the a width of said end surface is smaller than the a width of said three-dimensional body.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (currently amended) The illuminated sign according to claim 1 [[4]], wherein the at least one three-dimensional body engages on the an edge of the plate-like structure.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The illuminated sign according to claim 5, wherein said edge of the plate-like structure is bevelled.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The illuminated sign according to claim 1 [[4]], wherein said plate-like structure comprises a recess[[,] in which the light source is disposed aeccommodated.

Claim 8 (original) The illuminated sign according to claim 1, wherein at least part of the front plate is opaque.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The illuminated sign according to claim 8, wherein an opaque layer is disposed on the front plate with at least one opening provided through the layer ~~and exposing the front plate in the form of figures, signs, decorations or the like~~, and wherein the at least one three-dimensional body is disposed on said openings.

Claim 10 (original) The illuminated sign according to claim 1, wherein the light guide contains a fluorescent substance.

Claim 11 (original) The illuminated sign according to claim 1, wherein said three-dimensional body consists of a paste.

Claim 12 (original) The illuminated sign according to claim 11, wherein the paste is one of a UV-hardening or a self-hardening paste.

Claim 13 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 1, wherein the at least one three-dimensional body comprises a light-transmitting material.

Claim 14 (new) An illuminated sign comprising:  
a housing,  
a front plate of a light-transmitting material mounted to the housing,  
at least one three-dimensional body,  
a light source,  
at least one light guide for coupling light from the light source to the at least one three-dimensional body, the at least one light guide comprising a plate-like structure which extends at least substantially parallel to the front plate, the plate-like structure of the at least one light guide comprising a bevelled edge, and  
wherein the at least one three-dimensional body is engaged by the bevelled edge of the plate-like structure of the at least one light guide.

Claim 15 (new) The illuminated sign according to claim 14, wherein the plate-like structure comprises a recess in which the light source is disposed.

Claim 16 (new) The illuminated sign according to claim 14, wherein at least part of the front plate is opaque.

Claim 17 (new) The illuminated sign according to claim 16, wherein an opaque layer is disposed on the front plate with at least one opening provided through the layer exposing the front plate, and wherein the at least one three-dimensional body is disposed on the opening.

Claim 18 (new) The illuminated sign according to claim 14, wherein the light guide contains a fluorescent substance.

Claim 19 (new) The illuminated sign according to claim 14, wherein the at least one three-dimensional body comprises a light-transmitting material.

Claim 20 (new) An illuminated sign comprising:  
a housing,  
a front plate of a light-transmitting material mounted to the housing,  
at least one three-dimensional body,  
a light source,  
at least one light guide for coupling light from the light source to the at least one three-dimensional body,  
wherein the front plate is partially coated with an opaque layer with at least one patterned opening is provided through the opaque layer exposing the front plate and wherein the at least one three-dimensional body is disposed on the front plate in the opening.

Claim 21 ( new) The sign of claim 20 wherein the at least one light guide comprises a plate-like structure that extends parallel to the front plate and which comprises an edge that engages the at least one three dimensional.